

1999 FINAL TABLES

Premier League Division 1

1st Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Capital City Suns	18	12	2	4	2	53	25	40
Weston Creek	18	9	6	3	6	47	23	39
Monaro	18	10	4	4	4	50	25	38
Canberra Deakin	18	11	3	4	2	44	20	38
Belconnen United	18	11	2	5	2	45	21	37
Canberra Olympic	18	11	2	5	1	44	22	36
Gungahlin Juventus	18	6	3	9	3	32	49	24
Uni of Canberra	18	3	2	13	2	27	48	13
Burns Club	18	3	0	15	0	14	74	9
Queanbeyan City	18	2	0	16	0	23	82	6

Under 23's

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Uni of Canberra	18	12	3	3	3	68	21	42
Belconnen United	18	11	4	3	4	74	24	41
Weston Creek	18	11	4	3	4	47	23	41
Monaro	18	8	5	4	5	55	31	34
Canberra Olympic	18	8	5	5	3	51	22	31
Canberra Deakin	18	8	3	7	1	59	27	28
Capital City Suns	18	8	1	9	1	59	50	26
Gungahlin Juventus	18	5	2	11	1	49	45	18
Burns Club	18	4	3	11	2	28	43	17
Queanbeyan City	18	0	0	18	0	5	209	0

Cosmos Youth

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Belconnen United	18	16	1	1	1	82	16	50
Gungahlin Juventus	18	15	0	3	0	75	24	45
Uni of Canberra	18	13	2	3	2	50	19	43
Canberra Deakin	18	11	1	6	1	54	32	35
Weston Creek	18	10	2	6	2	64	40	34
Capital City Suns	18	5	3	10	3	32	48	21
Monaro	18	6	1	10	1	42	60	20
Canberra Olympic	18	4	0	14	0	23	86	12
Burns Club	18	3	1	14	1	22	66	11
Queanbeyan City	18	1	1	16	1	25	76	5

Note: Queanbeyan City forfeited to Weston Creek Royals - Youth 27.6.99, Monaro forfeited to Belconnen United - Youth 22.8.99

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Premier League Division 2

1st Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
O'Connor Knights	21	16	4	1	2	50	15	54
Tuggeranong United	21	13	3	5	3	64	22	45
Cooma	21	11	3	7	1	36	31	37
ANU	21	9	5	7	4	46	32	36
Belwest Foxes	21	8	2	11	2	42	46	28
Sabres FC	21	3	8	9	6	30	50	26
White Eagles	21	6	4	11	3	35	49	25
ADFA	21	1	3	17	3	18	76	9

Reserve Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
O'Connor Knights	21	16	2	3	2	45	16	52
Tuggeranong United	21	14	2	5	1	68	41	45
ANU	21	13	1	7	1	50	25	41
Belwest Foxes	21	13	0	8	0	61	24	39
White Eagles	21	10	2	9	2	52	37	34
ADFA	21	8	2	11	1	34	46	27
Sabres FC	21	4	1	16	1	21	57	14
Cooma	21	0	2	19	2	11	95	4

Rockets Youth League

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Tuggeranong United	18	15	2	1	2	87	21	49
Belconnen United	18	11	2	3	2	63	31	37
Belwest Foxes	18	8	3	6	3	49	38	30
Southern Spirit	18	5	1	11	1	36	68	20
Radford	18	5	2	11	2	26	44	16
Belsouth	18	3	0	15	0	23	82	9

Note: ADFA forfeited both games against O'Connor Knights 3.7.99

Golden Boot

Premier League 1:
24: S. Lazzari (WCK)

Premier League 2:
25: S. Channing (ANU)

SOCCER CANBERRA

1999

PREMIER LEAGUE DIVISION 1

PRELIMINARY FINAL

MAJURA OVAL

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12

Kickoff: 2pm



WESTON CREEK ROYALS



MONARO

UNDER 23'S

Kickoff: 12pm



UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA



WESTON CREEK ROYALS

COSMOS/ROCKETS YOUTH

Kickoff: 10am



BELCONNEN UNITED



UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA

EDITORIAL:

Welcome to the final issue of Canberra Soccer News for 1999. The match program for the Grand Final will be grand indeed, with professional production and your normal content.

But this preliminary final issue may be my last contribution for 1999 and maybe the last CSN. Unfortunately, it really does take a lot of time to compile and well, the costs have been rather high.

Still, it has been very enjoyable to provide for you all a newsletter that has information about the local league and I hope that you have all enjoyed reading each issue as much as I have putting it together.

There are a number of different people to thank for their work over this season. Most of the people who have supplied match reports to me are currently working on their under-graduate degrees in sports journalism and CSN wishes them well in their exams later this year.

First to join the crew was Greg Welsh and he was soon joined by Dylan Durie. Both Greg and Dylan have provided many excellent reports, some of which you have seen also in the Canberra Times. Both also play soccer for the University of Canberra state league sides.

Lately we have been joined by Nathan Long. Nathan will be covering the Olympics in Canberra for SOCOG and will be providing media reports from that event. Greg will actually be doing the same, but in Sydney.

Also during the season match reports have come from Radio 2SSS announcer Hamish Neal and ex-Soccer Canberra official George Lemon. Their help has been tremendous in putting together accurate reports of the games.

Finally, we cannot forget the Women's league and Anya Whitelaw, who's reports were unfortunately only used sparingly, especially after all the work she did and on many occasions in the rain.

Other articles were supplied by Chris Conti and one or two others. To all of them many thanks for your help.

To George Lemon and Glen Lapham, as the senior league administrators, who have put up with endless phone calls from me, also many thanks.

Then there are the coaches out there whom I had to talk with on Sunday evenings to construct just what happened in the games that were not covered. Some of these I was able to visit and in doing so I have now joined two more clubs.

Trying to piece together a match report when you haven't seen the match is always a lot of fun and you really need to guess as to what has happened. Fortunately, many of these coaches have a good memory, except for the one who always remembers his opponent's goals and not his.

So, another season has nearly come to an end. Only the Grand Final to play. Who will challenge the Suns for the trophy? Are we all looking forward to a big speech from Bill instead of Baz this year at the Presentation Night?

Speaking of the Presentation Night, I hope we all know that it is now on Friday the 8th of October and not the 15th as previously advertised. It should be a great night with a large number of different teams present and picking up trophies.

For me, I still have a small chance of getting a trophy. I manage a Premier League 2 team that is trying to make it to the Grand Final.

One last item, that being the Novell Canberra Cosmos. I urge everyone to get out to see the games and bring your friends. We need the support to help cheer on the team and get behind Tom Sermanni. CSN wishes the Cosmos all the best during the 1999-2000 season.

So all the best for the Grand Final and for everyone over the summer.

nick guoth

MAJOR SEMI-FINAL



Capital City Suns 2 (1)



Weston Creek Royals 0 (0)

By Greg Welsh

Recently-crowned premiers the Capital City Suns rebounded from their demoralising loss to Monaro last week to defeat the Weston Creek Royals 2-0 in the ACT Premier League major semi-final at Riverside Stadium on Sunday.

The Suns booked themselves a place in the grand final thanks to goals from Yuki Onda and Tony Lemezina at the beginning of each half, leaving the Royals the difficult task of having to beat Monaro in next week's elimination game.

The Suns' are notoriously lethal finishers, however on this occasion the forwards were outshone by a sparkling defensive effort from goalkeeper Tony Giannasca and fullbacks Peter Romaniuk, Tai Tran and Mil Sredojevic.

The Suns' back four earned special praise from coach Bill Dojcinski for the way they stifled the normally explosive Royals twin strikeforce of Steve Lazzari and Peter Hader, who together have amassed 34 goals so far this season.

The Royals had not lost to the Suns in their two previous encounters this year, but found themselves a goal behind after only six minutes of play.

Lemezina started the move with a square pass to striking partner Pat Phommaseisy who in turn played a delightful through ball for Onda. The Suns' midfielder charged into the Royals penalty area and rifled a stinging left-foot shot through goalkeeper Troy Boots' hands.

The move was nearly re-created almost 45 seconds later when Phommaseisy once more breached the Royals defence, this time with a clever back-heel. However Onda sent his low shot whizzing narrowly wide of the far post on this occasion.

A minute later Weston Creek had their first clear-cut opportunity of the half when Hami Adhami's firmly struck cross found Justin Webb only a metre or two out from goal. However the pace of the pass deceived Webb, and the ball slued off the side of his boot and harmlessly away from goal.

The Suns went further ahead two minutes after the half-time break courtesy of Lemezina's 21st goal of the season. The striker, who is a favourite of the parochial Suns' supporters, started the move by sending Luka Ujdur sprinting down the left-hand flank. The midfield dynamo nimbly cut inside Royals' captain Martin Lazzari before laying off for Lemezina to score.

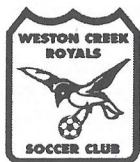
Onda and Phommaseisy were denied further goals by a couple of excellent saves from Boots, before Giannasca duplicated the performance at the other end to frustrate two separate efforts from Hader.

Suns' coach Bill Dojcinski was rapt with his side's performance. "I think today we played the best game of our season so far," he said. "We really got stuck into it from the beginning of the game to the end."

A disappointed Jimmy Bland was left to reflect on what might have been. "This game's all about making the most of your opportunities," he said. "They had probably three chances all the game - and scored twice. We had six or seven good chances and we should have come away with something a little bit better."

ROUND 1 MAY 2

Riverside Stadium
 Monaro 2 (A. Tine 2)
 Weston Creek Royals 2 (M. Lazzari, S. Lazzari)



WESTON CREEK ROYALS

ADHAMI Hami
 ADHAMI Hassan (GK)
 ADHAMI Nahbil
 BOOTS Troy (GK)
 CANNELL Dion
 CRAVEN Bradley
 DALE Tim
 DOHERTY Aaron
 DUGGAN Simon
 EVERT Warren
 GAGETTI Paul
 HALTON Anthony
 JULLIENNE Matt
 LAZZARI Martin
 LAZZARI Steve
 PARRAGALLI Adrian
 SATO Yoshi
 SERMENO Manuel
 STOCKS Matt
 WEBB Danny
 WEBB Justin
 WHITTINGHAM Josh

COACH: BLAND Jimmy

Players to watch:

Steve Lazzari: Golden Boot for 1999 and lethal in front of goal. Also has plenty of experience at top level.

Peter Hader: Experience from England and Holland has shown in his form this year and his partnership with Steve has been very successful.

Martin Lazzari: One of the League's best dead-ball exponents, being able to place a corner or free-kick exactly where he wants it.

Manuel Sermeno: Classy midfielder with AIS and ACT Academy experience. Has fitted well into this team.

Tim Dale: Solid young defender with height and strength. Very much in the Jason Dunn mould.

Adrian Parragalli: An excellent defender with ACT representative experience. Speedy and solid.

Dion Cannell: A speedy wing-midfielder who will supply an endless number of accurate crosses.

Hami Adhami: One of the three brothers, each of whom have performed excellently throughout the winter. An impact midfielder.

Justin Webb: Another of the small but fast midfield set up by Bland.

Josh Whittingham: Overcoming severe injury and now returning to help his team. Another fast midfielder.

UNDER 23'S APRIL 25th

Weston Creek Royals 3 (I. Toms, T. Webb, A. Halton)
 University of Canberra 0

ROUND 2 JULY 25

Woden Park
 Weston Creek Royals 3 (A. Paragalli, P. Hader, N. Adhami)
 Monaro 3 (J. Rakic 2, D. North)



MONARO

Players to watch:

Danny Macor: Not having the year everyone hoped for, but still a solid striker who will cause problems.

Lazar Simeonov: Has been out of sorts lately with injury problems, but is now getting back to the form he showed earlier in the year.

Jimmy Baxter: Probably the most experienced of the players in the side and the general of the midfield. Strong in tackles and good in the air.

Joe Campagna: Left sided-midfielder with speed to burn. Has set up a number of goals as well as scored quite a few.

John Nelson: A player I rate as the best sweeper in the ACT League (although many may disagree).

Darryl North: A no-nonsense player who puts his body on the line.

Brent Chick: A youngster with ACT Academy experience. Look for a mixture of solid defence and runs through the midfield.

Paul Macor: Strong defender who also makes some moves into the midfield.

Matthew Cachia: Fast wingback who compliments Campagna.

John Rakic: Fast and exciting midfielder who knows how to score goals.

GUARINO Tony (GK)
 JEFFERIES Ian (GK)
 MATHAS Nick
 MACOR Paul
 MACOR Danny
 BAXTER Jim
 NORTH Darryl
 MONTEROSSO Bruno
 NELSON John
 SIMEONOV Lazar
 CAMPAGNA Joe
 TINE Alex
 OSTI John
 CACHIA Matthew
 SERENA Danny
 RAKIC John
 CHICK Brent
 GIORGI Frank

COACH: MONTEROSSO Andrew
 ASST: BRENNAN Tony

UNDER 23'S JULY 18th

University of Canberra 7 (M. Dowling 3, V. Restagno 2, D. Bennett, M. Naughton)
 Weston Creek Royals 2 (B. Craven, B. Pipe)

MINOR SEMI-FINAL



Monaro 5 (1)



Canberra Deakin 2 (1)

by Dylan Durie

Monaro have progressed to the ACT Premier League soccer preliminary final next week to meet Weston Creek after a convincing 5-2 win over Canberra Deakin in slippery conditions at Majura Oval yesterday.

Monaro took control of the minor semi-final in a five minute period midway through the first half when they took the lead through a wonderful curling left-footed free kick from Joe Campagna, then Deakin's Marcelo Munoz was sent off for two rash challenges in quick succession.

Deakin equalised right before half time but Monaro never looked back after regaining the lead in the third minute of the second half.

Deakin settled into the game earlier than Monaro and could have scored after seven minutes when a Munoz free kick struck the cross bar from the edge of the area, but the warning woke Monaro up and they soon began to control the play.

The Deakin equaliser was an inch perfect 20m lob from Stan Dukic against the run of play in injury time, but Monaro veteran Jimmy Baxter stooped at the near post to nod home a Danny Macor cross from a free kick and restore his side's lead.

Monaro then had chance after chance and only a fine game in goal by Deakin's Pedro Pavez prevented a heavier defeat for his team.

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The victory was sealed in the 58th minute when Danny Macor slid the ball home from close range after a goal mouth scramble, and Monaro could even afford a penalty miss by Laz Simeonov three minutes later after Pavez brought down Campagna.

Monaro added a fourth when John Rakic thumped home a low shot from 20m, before Deakin pulled one back after skillful work by Paul Ivanic who controlled nicely inside the area, beat his man and pushed the ball beyond the 'keeper for Gaby Exposito to score from point blank range.

Monaro's fifth was also Rakic's second when he scored with his left from outside the area with a perfectly placed shot to complete Deakin's misery.

Monaro coach Andrew Monterosso praised his players for their commitment, "We didn't have a bad player out there today," he said, "If we keep playing like this it doesn't matter who we play, we could go right through now."



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Canberra Cosmos needs enthusiastic helpers For home matches at Bruce Stadium for the 1999/2000 Ericsson Cup season.

Positions include stewards, arena officials, program sellers, promotions and public relations activities Training provided!

Support your local National Soccer League team! Contact Andrew at the Cosmos office ph 62817981

PREMIER LEAGUE 2 REPORT

MAJOR SEMI-FINAL



O'Connor Knights 1 (0)

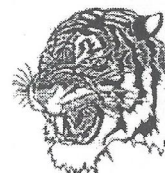
D. Matic



Tuggeranong United 3 (0)

M. Conlon
S. Conlon
G. Claveria

MINOR SEMI-FINAL



Cooma 0 (0)



ANU 2 (1)
M. Palfrey
R. Stoddart

Two good games, and neither without controversy. O'Connor Knights are struggling after having suffered their first loss of the season the previous week.

Tuggeranong are now in the Grand Final, to be played in Cooma prior to the Canberra Cosmos v Northern Spirit match, whilst O'Connor have to pick themselves up for the game against ANU.

ANU had a hard match when they played Cooma and only scored their second goal in a breakaway move four minutes into extra-time.

ANU were the only team to beat O'Connor Knights during the regular season and are hoping to repeat the performance. The return of the League's leading goalscorer, Scott Channing, will boost their confidence coming into the preliminary final.

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In the Reserve Grade, Champions O'Connor Knights scored the winner against Tuggeranong United as a Golden Goal in the final minute of extra-time. The final score was 3-2.

In the minor-semi, ANU struggled early before overcoming a very galant Belwest Foxes outfit. The scoreline was only 1-0, but an example of the dominance was shown in the second half when Belwest, with the wind, could not muster a single corner.

In matches during the regular season, ANU have had the wood over Tuggeranong. Discounting the very first game of the season, ANU defeated Tuggeranong with rather large scores.

But these stats are irrelevant when it comes to the Finals and it should be a very hard match, between two excellent teams.

PRELIMINARY FINALS:

Majura Oval:
12:30pm Reserve Grade
Tuggeranong United v ANU

2:30pm First Grade
O'Connor Knights v ANU

STATE LEAGUE GRAND FINALS

O'Connor Oval

Saturday September 11th

Division 1: 2:30pm
Belconnen United v ANU

Division 2: 12:30pm
Belconnen United v Gungahlin Juventus

Division 3: 2:30pm
Harmonie v Valley Blues

Division 4: 12:30pm
Harmonie v Trojans